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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : summary of CIA/Department of Defense
Proposal for Improvement and Modernization
of the Agency Air Capability

1. There is attached to this memorandum a letter to the Department of Defense for DCI signature. Said letter is indicated herewith as Attachment 5.

2. The Agency air support posture has been undergoing a constant change during the past year. The world-wide demands that have dictated the need for on-hand capabilities to answer urgent Agency area requirements have also evolved a policy that requires great flexibility in Agency air assets. During peak periods of air operations, shortages in the Agency inventories have had to be augmented by DOD materiel and personnel. This situation is acceptable and will continue since many project requirements far exceed an economical monetary investment by the Agency. When the second party has been involved, compromises have had to be made in security, personnel control and, to some extent, operational effectiveness. In addition, long periods of negotiations involving costs, restrictions, security clearances and many other multi-lateral agreements have resulted in loss of time, misunderstandings and general frustrations on the part of all agencies. However, out of these efforts have come a better understanding by all of the complexities of our objectives.

3. At the present time the DOD, as a result of these negotiations, is proposing a plan whereby the Agency will be able to accomplish a major objective toward increasing our air support capability. The DOD proposal encompasses two long-sought concessions:

- a. An economical arrangement for use of DOD equipment.
- b. Operational control within an Agency air unit.

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The attached letter outlines our proposals to DOD on this matter. To return to DOD a negative reply at this time would not only deny the Agency the operational capabilities of this equipment but jeopardize the opportunity to obtain an equitable arrangement in the future.

4. In cost, this agreement involves the following:

a. Cost to operate the current Far East Air Unit (see Attachment 1)

b. Cost for special USAF unit (original proposal of DOD to support not fully implemented)(see Attachment 2)

TOTAL

c. Cost for a modified combined unit, as outlined in proposed letter to DOD , (see Attachment 3)

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7. It is recommended that the attached letter to DOD be approved which will supplement the plan to augment the present Far East Detachment with C-130 aircraft and additional C-130 maintenance personnel.

STANLEY W. BEERLI
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Attachments 5

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OPERATING COST

Second and Additional Years

Support Cost

Direct Operating Cost

